GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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IRREGULARITIES IN KENDRIYA BHANDAR
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether departmental inquiries in the cases have since been completed;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof alongwith the action taken in the matter;

(c) the details and number of other cases of financial impropriety that have taken place during 2000 and 2001 and the action taken thereon; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the working of the Kendriya Bhandar and to root out corruption from all fields?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a)&(b): Three employees have been found guilty of irregularities. In three cases the employees have been punished and in the fourth case, the report of the enquiry officer is under consideration.

(c): Three cases of financial irregularities have been detected during 2000 and 2001. Departmental proceedings have been initiated in all the cases.

(d): Kendriya Bhandar has taken various steps to improve its working and to root out corruption:

(i) Society has framed a purchase policy duly approved by the Board of Directors.

(ii) Wherever possible limited tender is invited from registered/deputed suppliers to generate competition among them.

(iii) Kendriya Bhandar has been obtaining an undertaking from the suppliers that the rates quoted by them are the lowest.

(iv) Kendriya Bhandar is also obtaining indemnity bond from the suppliers regarding price guarantee to ensure that the customers get the best price.

(v) The pre-paid post cards have also been provided in all the stores for suggestions/ complaints etc.

(vi) Kendriya Bhandar has a Chief Vigilance Officer and all the complaints regarding irregularities and corruptions are looked by him and necessary action is taken after proper inquiry according to rules.